

BIDDLE UNIVERSITY, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

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Rev. H. L. McCrorey, D.D., President

**T**HIS institution, founded in 1867, under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church, is devoted to the higher academic and industrial education of the Negroes.

It is located in the heart of the South Atlantic region, which contains two synods of the Presbyterian Church, having 356 Negro churches and 221 ministers of the denomination, with a number of schools and academies under their care. It is the object of Biddle University, named in memory of Major Henry J. Biddle, of Philadelphia, to furnish these schools and churches with intelligent Christian teachers and preachers.

The university property consists of seventy acres of land and eleven buildings. There are four schools of the university: industrial, preparatory, collegiate, and theological, with eight courses of study.

The enrollment in 1908 was 14 teachers and 177 students, with 19 theological students.

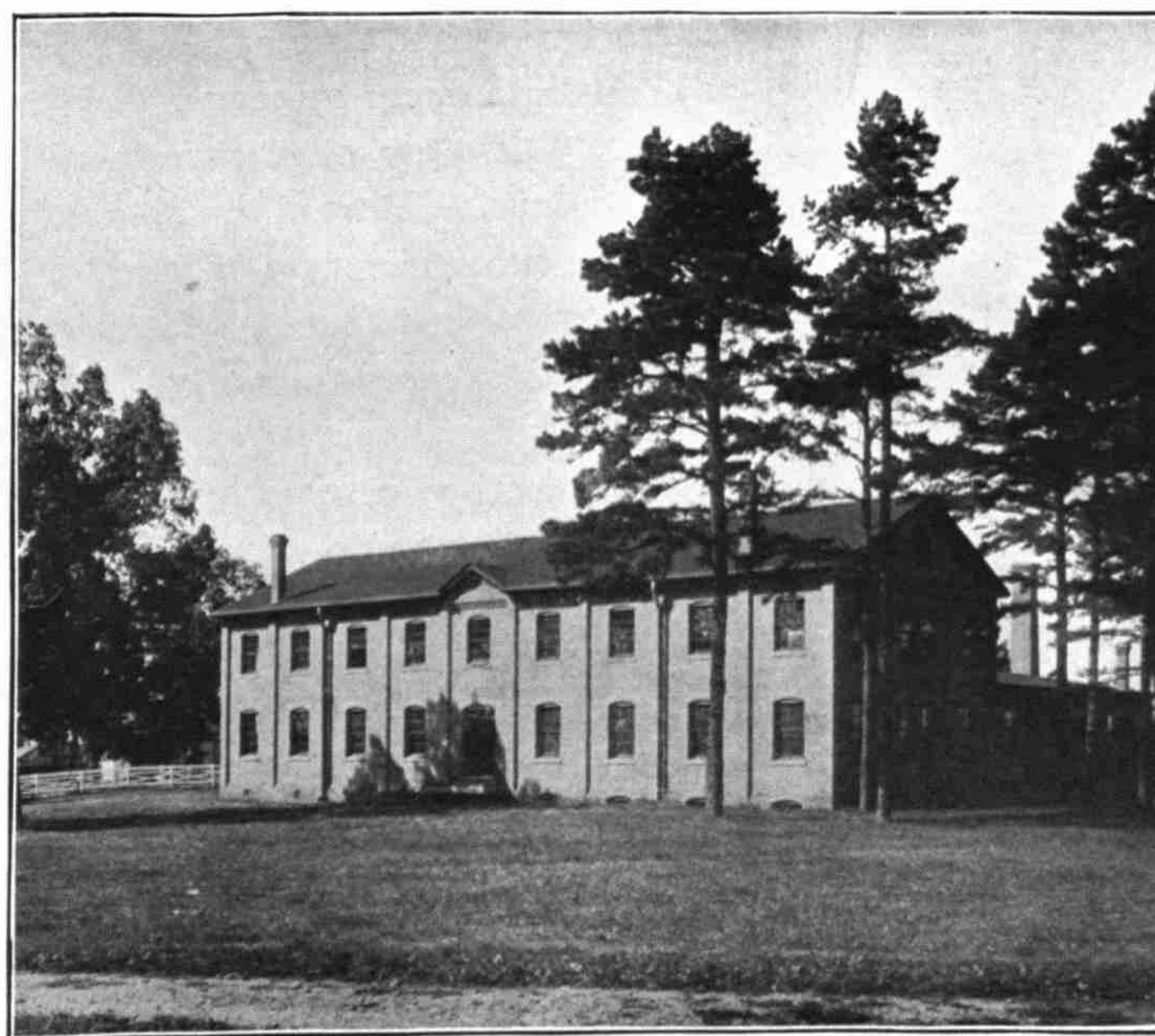
The school has had a total enrollment of nearly 8,000 students, and has sent out from its several departments 948 graduates, of whom 524 have been from the normal and preparatory courses,

295 from the collegiate, and 129 from the theological. Ten of the graduates are professors in the university. President Henry Lawrance McCrorey, of the university, was a graduate in the class of 1892. President C. M. Young, of Harbison College, Abbeville, S. C.; President W. A. Byrd, of Cotton Plant College, Cotton Plant, Ark., and the late Bishop C. C. Pettey, of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, are numbered among the graduates of Biddle.

Special emphasis is given to aid for students preparing for the ministry, and friends in Scotland have established a \$6,000 fund, the interest to be used for young men preparing for mission work in Africa.

President McCrorey says: "Of an enrollment of 177 students this year, only two are not professing Christians. Only professing Christians are employed as instructors. . . . The most urgent need of the university at present is the endowment of a chair for instruction of the English Bible."

At the Clifton Conference, August 18-20, 1908, President McCrorey was selected a member of the committee of ten educators, to carry out the plans adopted by the Conference.



BIDDLE AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL BUILDING

There are four schools,—Industrial, Preparatory, Collegiate, and Theological, with eight courses of study. About three-fourths of the students are self-supporting, paying part of the tuition in cash and working out the remainder. One hundred and seventy-two students, 14 teachers, and 19 theological students, 1908.